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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security items.

Agenda items [60] (A/51/27, 208-S/1996/543, 1017-S/1996/632), [61] (A/51/179, 209), [62], [63], [64], [65], [66] (A/51/27, 123, 127, 131, 163, 167, 174, 208-S/1996/543, 262, 412, A/C.1/51/4, 5, 8), [67] (A/51/113-S/1996/276, 117-S/1996/290, 216-S/1996/563, 286), [68] (A/51/176), [69] (A/51/27, 163, 262), [70] (A/51/27, 262), [71] (A/51/27, 42, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 127, 131, 136, 137, 139, 157, 159-S/1996/418, 163, 165-S/1996/435, 167, 169-S/1996/444, 174, 181, 188-S/1996/511, 207, 208-S/1996/543, 214, 218, 220, 224, 262, 266-S/1996/621, 279, 300, 313, 323, 393, 452, 462-S/1996/831, A/C.1/51/7), [72] (A/51/27, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 137, 188-S/1996/511, 219, 274-S/1996/631, 287, 403, 445), [73] (A/51/27, 42, 86-S/1996/216, 137, 175, 182, 346-S/1996/740, 352, 364), [74] (A/51/446), [75] (A/51/139, 254), [76] (A/51/210, 230 and Corr.1), [77] (A/51/29), [78], [79] (A/51/117-S/1996/290, 151), [80], [81] (A/51/60-S/1996/62, 89, 137, 202-S/1996/537, 318-S/1996/706, 351-S/1996/744, 401-S/1996/782, 461-S/1996/830)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

United Arab Emirates
Mali
Pakistan
Gabon
Singapore
Morocco
Malta
Nicaragua
Benin
Rwanda
South Africa
Israel
New Zealand
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Canada
Myanmar
Kazakstan
Sri Lanka

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Operational activities for development [98] (A/51/256, A/51/357, A/51/391, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/462-S/1996/831)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/327, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/357, A/51/450, A/C.3/51/L.2, A/C.3/51/L.3)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. International drug control [102] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/68, A/51/87, A/51/93, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/129-E/1996/53, A/51/295, A/51/375, A/51/437, A/51/436, A/51/469)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158] (A/C.3/51/7)

   General discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119] (A/50/11/Add.2)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116] (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16 and A/51/7/Add.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Human resources management [120] (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/2, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304, A/51/421 and A/51/475)

   General discussion

4. Pattern of conferences [118] (A/51/32, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/51/125)

   Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (9th and 10th meetings)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Entitlements of staff assigned to peace-keeping missions, including mission subsistence allowance

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 18 October 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUP 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77

(Second Committee matters: item 97 (d) (Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meeting

There will be a closed meeting of the States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty *today*, 18 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 21 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	39th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (11th and 12th meetings)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold a special meeting on Monday, 21 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider Programme I (Political affairs) of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as set out in document A/51/6.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meetings of the Second Committee

There will be an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Monday, 21 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Bert Bolin, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will be the keynote speaker to address issues related to agenda item 97 (e) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind).

H.E. Mr. Razali Ismail, President of the General Assembly, will be the keynote speaker during an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., to address issues related to agenda item 97 (b) (Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21).

H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, will brief the Second Committee on the outcome of the most recent Bureau meeting of the Commission, on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Mauricio de Maria y Campos, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will hold an informal executive briefing for delegations on industrial development cooperation (agenda item 95 (a)), on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 7th meeting on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to conclude the general debate on agenda item 82 and take action on the draft resolution. The Committee will also begin consideration of agenda 92 (The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia).

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The meeting of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, scheduled for Monday, 21 October 1996, has been postponed. The new date of the meeting will be announced in the *Journal*.

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold consultations with the Deparment of Public Information on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in room S-1027.

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The 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, ext. 3-2320/3-5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open beginning 28 October until 1 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: 3-2320 or 3-5973, fax: 212-963-5935, room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the High-level and Coordination segments for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (i)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

* To be issued.

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An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. The consultation will continue consideration of the plans for the forty-first session, in accordance with the Commission's agreed conclusions 1996/1. Background papers on this issue have been prepared by the Secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and these will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1250).

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held on Monday, 21 October 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1997* on Thursday, 31 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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A high-level (closed) consultation on "Post-conflict Peace-building in West Africa: Political and Development Initiatives" will be held under the auspices of the Secretary-General on Monday, 21 October 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be meetings of the Inter-parliamentary Union on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters: item 114 (Programme planning))* on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Thursday, 7 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

There will be a CTBT informal Bureau meeting (open-ended) on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the following subjects: (a) Rules of Procedures; (b) Staff Regulations and Rules; and (c) Provisional Technical Secretariat.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Nuclear disarmament" on Monday, 21 October 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Disarmament Commission" on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Presentations

Mr. Robert Watson, Senior Adviser, Environmental Science, Environment Department (World Bank), will hold a presentation on "Global Environmental Threats to Sustainable Development" on Monday, 21 October 1996, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Several reports will be distributed. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat Staff are invited to attend.

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There will be a presentation by the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. Federico Mayor, on "Towards a Culture of Peace" (in conjunction with agenda item 110 (b)) on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Briefings

The Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will hold a briefing (open) on the World Solar Summit (2-5 September 1996, Harare) in conjunction with agenda item 97 (Environment and sustainable development), on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. José Ayala-Lasso, will hold a briefing on recent developments in the human rights programme on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All delegations of Member States are invited to attend.

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Symposium

The United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the NGO Committee on Narcotics and Substance Abuse will hold a Symposium on the theme "Mobilizing Communities to Prevent Drug Abuse" on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. The Symposium will be moderated by Dr. Herbert Kleber, Executive Vice-President of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (Columbia University). The Panelists will be Ms. Jacqueline Butler, Professor at the University of Cincinnati and Executive Director of CPC/Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Ms. Maritza Rojas, Director of Evaluation of the C.E.D.R.O. (NGO) (Peru), Ms. Leanne Riley, Senior Prevention Specialist of WHO, and Mr. Gale Day, Chief of the Interagency Coordination of UNDCP. Introductory remarks by the Panelists will be followed by an open discussion. Members of delegations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, accredited media, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

38th plenary meeting

Operational activities for development: report of the Secretary-General on the progress at mid-decade on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/127 on the World Summit for Children (A/51/256) [98]

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Bangladesh, Costa Rica and Uganda.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 98.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/348) [45]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Jamaica, Argentina, El Salvador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), Guyana, the Syrian Arab Republic, KUWAIT, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Poland, Malaysia and Venezuela.

The General Assembly was informed that the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 would be considered at a later date to be announced.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/502) [126]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/51/502) (resolution 51/2).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 126.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/503) [133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/51/503).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/504) [135]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/51/504) (resolution 51/3).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 135.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 6th meeting

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, Norway, Myanmar, Uganda, Mali, Tunisia, Malta, the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, Hungary (who spoke in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention).

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

SECOND COMMITTEE 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Venezuela, Sudan, Belarus, Poland, Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Romania, Colombia, Indonesia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Nepal, Burundi, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Viet Nam, Madagascar and Cuba.

7th meeting

Training and research: United Nations University [99 (b)]

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/324) and the report of the Council of the United Nations University (A/51/31).

The Rector of the United Nations University made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Finland, Canada, the Russian Federation, Jordan, China, India and Japan.

The Rector responded to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of item 99 (b).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under this sub-item was Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 6 p.m.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it a letter dated 26 September 1996 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/51/3).

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Philippines, Cuba, Uganda, Egypt, Tunisia, Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Nigeria, Algeria, El Salvador, the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic.

It was announced that the Chairman would inform the Committee in the afternoon of Friday, 18 October, of the procedure to be followed in transmitting to the Fifth Committee, the comments on revisions to the medium-term plan for the programmes of concern to the Second Committee.

Operational activities for development [98]

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it documents A/51/256, A/51/357, A/51/391, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/462-S/1996/831).

The Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Tunisia and the Russian Federation.

The Associate Administrator of the UNDP responded to questions raised.

The Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs also responded to questions.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (12th meeting)

The Working Group decided to refer to the Drafting Committee Cluster IV and V (Articles 20-26, Articles 27 and 28, Articles 29-33, Article 2) of the draft articles.

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal, the Netherlands, India, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Pakistan, Romania, Cameroon, Mexico, Greece, Canada, Slovakia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey, Argentina, Ethiopia, Spain, Egypt, Colombia, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Italy, the United Republic of Tanzania, France, Viet Nam, Chile, Rwanda, Bangladesh, Finland, Lebanon, the Czech Republic and Guatemala.

The Expert Consultant also spoke.

The Chairman made a statement.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1996

875th plenary meeting

Election of officers [1 (a)]

The forty-third session of the Trade and Development Board was opened by H.E. Mr. William Rossier (Switzerland).

H.E. Mr. Patrick Sinyinza (Zambia) was elected by acclamation as President.

The Board also elected Mrs. Violetta Fonseca de Sanabria (Venezuela) as Rapporteur and the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mr. Anton Bebler (Slovenia), H.E. Mr. Krit Garnjana-Goonchorn (Thailand), H.E. Mrs. Arundhati Ghose (India), H.E. Mr. Andrei Kolossovsky (Russian Federation), H.E. Mr. Alexander A. Kravetz (El Salvador), H.E. Mr. Björn Skogmo (Norway), H.E. Mr. Daniel L. Spiegel (United States), H.E. Mr. Fisseha Yimer Aboye (Ethiopia), Mr. Peter R. Jenkins (United Kingdom) and Mr. Jun Yokota (Japan).

Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session [1 (b)]

Agenda

The Board adopted the provisional agenda for the session contained in section I of document TD/B/43/1 and Add. 1.

Organization of work

The Board approved the organization of the work of the session as contained in document TD/B/43/1/Add.2.

General statements

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Kingdom (on behalf of Group B), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asian Group), Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries) and Japan.

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1996

876th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: rethinking development strategies; some lessons from East Asian [3]

Mr. Renato Ruggiero, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, addressed the Board and responded to a number of comments and questions put to him by delegations. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a statement.

Mr. Roger Lawrence, Deputy to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an introductory statement.

FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1996

877th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: rethinking development strategies; some lessons from East Asian [3]

The Board began its general debate on the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asian Group), India, Norway, China, Morocco (on behalf of the African Group), Ethiopia, Belarus, Switzerland, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia.

MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1996

878th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: rethinking development strategies; some lessons from East Asian [3]

The Board continued the general debate.

Statements were made by the representative of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the representatives of Sri Lanka, Mexico, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Canada and Australia, as well as by the representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1996

879th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: rethinking development strategies; some lessons from East Asian [3]

The Board concluded its general debate with statements by the observers of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Third World Network.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43(2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (16 October 1996)*, Sweden (17 October 1996)*

Protocol amending article 1 (a), article 14 (1) and article 14 (3) (b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), adopted at Geneva on 28 October 1993

Accession: Switzerland (17 October 1996)*

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Ratification: India (17 October 1996)*

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, concluded at Vienna on 22 March 1985

Accession: Estonia (17 October 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, concluded at Montreal on 16 September 1987

Accession: Estonia (17 October 1996)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Nepal (15 October 1996*)

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Nepal (15 October 1996*)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security and Safety Service

The Pass and Identification Office, located at room GA-100, in the public lobby of the General Assembly Building, will resume regular hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Pass and Identification Office will close for the lunch hour from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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